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1. "The following information on the Shkolla Artillerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Coastal Artillery School) in Durrës dates through [REDACTED]
2. Organization

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"The Shkolla Artillerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare in Durrës is the only coastal artillery school in Albania. It is part of the Bregdetes Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Division of Coastal Defence), which has its headquarters on Rr. Mujo Ulqinaku (formerly Rr Tiranes) in Durrës. The Division is dependent in turn on the Ministria e Mbrojtjes (Ministry of Defence), Boulevard Shqipria e Re, Tirana.

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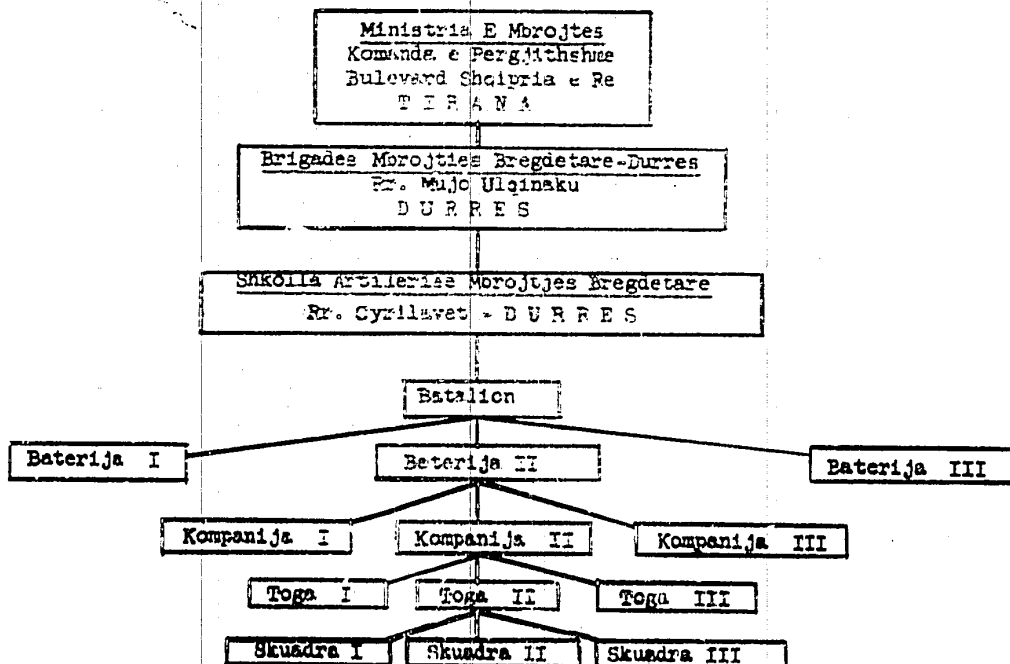
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3. "The following diagram shows the organization of the Coastal Artillery School:



4. "There are approximately 20 officers, 20 NCO's and 650 Kursanti at the school. The school comprises one battalion composed of three batteries, each battery of three companies, each company of three togas, and each toga of three squads. The normal military strength of a squad is 10-15 men, but the squads at the Artillery School have less. [REDACTED] estimate that in 1952 the 1st Battery had 250 Kursanti; the other two batteries had 200 men each. Each squad is under the command of a Kursant. Each toga is commanded by a Kapter (Sergeant Major), each company by an Aspirant (first rank below sub-lieutenant). Each battery is commanded by a Toger (Lieutenant) who is SO, a Non/Toger (Sub-lieutenant) who is Political Officer, and a Kapter.

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5. " [REDACTED] the Coastal Artillery School had the [REDACTED]

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Location and Layout

6. "The Coastal Artillery School has been located since [REDACTED] on Rr Cyrilavet in Durres. Formerly it was located at Ke Plespat, five km southeast of Durres. Its barracks there were occupied [REDACTED] by the Shkolla Officerave Reserve (Albanian Reserve Officers' School).

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[Available on loan from the CIA Library is a sketch map showing the location and layout of the Shkolla Artillerise Morojtes Bregdetare. The following legend applies:

"Scale - 1 cm: 2 m.

- "1. Sports field.
2. One-story brick building used for classes. Capacity: approximately 100 Kursanti.
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4. Area used for meetings.
5. Sports field used for basketball and volleyball. Surrounded by brick wall two meters high.
6. One-story barracks for approximately 200 Kursanti.
7. One-story building: the first door, near the main gate, leads into the guard room; the center door leads into a barracks for approximately 100 Kursanti; the third door leads into a stable for ten horses.

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8. One-story barracks for approximately 200 Kursanti.
 9. Storage depot for food, clothing and munitions, one-story building.
 10. Kitchen and mess hall, one-story building.
 11. Military training field. There are three Soviet guns here for training purposes: 105-mm. (naval), 76-mm. (field) and 152-mm. (anti-aircraft).
 12. Orthodox Church. Supposed to be closed but in 1952 was still being used by believers.
- A. Area stretching down to the Adriatic shore, completely covered with iron scrap and war materiel from the German and Italian Armies in World War II.
 - B. Location of an Albanian Naval unit: Reparti Ushtarak i Marines.
 - C. Open field occasionally used for military training.

xxxx Barbed wire fence, two meters high.

Yellow circles - Sentry posts."/

7. "The unmarried officers live in the so-called Shpia Begarit on Rr Muja Ulqinak in Durres.

Entrance Requirements

8. "To be eligible for entrance in the Coastal Artillery School a Kursanti must have at least have completed the Semi-Matura (five years of elementary school and three years of gymnasium).

Curriculum

9. "The course at the Coastal Artillery school lasts one year, November to November.
10. "The School graduates the following types of specialized NCO's:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Ndimes Puntor Politik</u> <u>Topografi</u> <u>Telekomunikacione</u> <u>Zbulues</u> <u>Telefonista</u> <u>Radista</u> <u>Kryetar Topi</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistant Political Instructor - Topographer - 'Telecenter' Operator - 'Explorer' - Telephone Operator - Radio Operator - Chief gunner, trained in Soviet guns: 105-mm., 76-mm. and 152-mm.
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11. "The School gives the following theoretical subjects:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Puno Politike</u> <u>Topografi</u> <u>Instrumenta</u> <u>Material Artilerie</u> <u>Gazra</u> <u>Kavaleri</u> <u>Sherbim Topi</u> <u>Radio</u> <u>Fisikulture</u> <u>Shkencet</u> <u>Sanitet</u> <u>Veterina</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political work - Topography - Instruments - Artillery Materiel - Gases - Cavalry - Gun Maintenance - Radio - Physical Training - Engineering (Pioneers) - Sanitation - Veterinarian Principles
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12. "The grades run from one to five. A minimum of three is needed to pass a course.

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13. [REDACTED] the exact number of hours required in each subject for each specialized training course. Following is the curriculum for a Kursant who is specializing in topography:

(a) Pune Politike

Instructors:

Baterija I - N/Toger Leman Bacaj
 Baterija II - N/Toger Vasil Gjylameti
 Baterija III - N/Toger Islam Mezini

Hours:

Six hours per week for every Kursant, naturally more for those specializing in Political Instruction.

Content:

Biography of the 'Great Teachers of the Socialist World': Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Enver Hoxha; Economic conditions in the USSR: the achievements of its hydroelectric plants, canals etc; Soviet aid to Albania for the development of Socialism etc. The Kursanti take notes and are issued pamphlets. The course is considered extremely important.

Examinations:

Every Kursant must take a special examination after completing six months of this course. In [REDACTED] a special commission questioned the Kursanti. It consisted of three political officers (one Captain and two lieutenants) from the Ministria e Mbrojtjes in Tirana. One Kursant specializing in topography was asked: (a) the life of Enver Hoxha, and (b) the date and reasons for the organization of the first CP.

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(b) [REDACTED]

Instructor:

Aspirant Misto Tanushi

Hours:

12 per week

Content:

The course is based on the Soviet method and is very interesting. The instructor uses a special textbook called Topografia Ushtarake (Military Topography). The Kursanti do not have copies; they merely take notes. During lecture periods Soviet maps of Albania (scales of 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:1,000,000) are circulated in the classroom. Soviet maps of these scales arrived at the School in [REDACTED] Course includes instruction in coordinates, determination of distance with a German type of telemeter, map reading, a system of topographic symbols. These symbols included:

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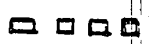
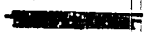

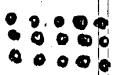
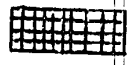


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Sheniat Konvencionale
(Topographical Terms)

-  - Top - Gender Ziari (gun - fire center)
-  - Fabrike (Factory or plant)
-  - Ure Drueni (Wooden bridge)
-  - Ure Hekuri (Iron Bridge)
-  - Xishe (Church)
-  - Xhami (Mosque)
-  - Pus (Well)
-  - Shtepi (houses, buildings)
-  - Vorreza (Cemetery)
-  - Mal (Mountain)
-  - Kuota E Malit (quota /sic/ of a mountain)
-  - Cezme (Fountain)
-  - Spital (Hospital)
-  - [Red] [Symbol] [Symbol] [Symbol] (Railway)
-  - Rruge Automobilistike (Roads accessible to cars and trucks)
-  - Rruge Kamsore (Footpath)
-  - Pvell (Forest)
-  - Vneshta (Vineyard)
-  - Mitroloz (Machine gun)
-  - Mulliq (Mill)

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(c) Instruments

Instructor: Aspirant Misto Tanushi

Hours: 12 per week

Content: General description of the parts of the following instruments, detailed instruction on use:

- Goniometer - a German and a Soviet type
- Telescope - German and Soviet types
- Telemeter - German and Soviet types
- Periscope - German and Soviet types
- Binoculars - German and Soviet types, including the Soviet Binocular model
- Compass - German and Soviet types

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[REDACTED] remembered no manufacturers' names

(d) Material Artillerie

Instructor: Toger Vasil Frifti

Hours: Two per week

Content: Types of artillery shells (naval, field, anti-aircraft) - parts and functions,
Machine guns - Soviet types
Automatic rifles and carbines
Ballistics
Gas projectiles

(e) Gasra

Instructor: Nen/Toger Ilazli Koli

Hours: One per week

Content: Generalized discussion of types of gases, not much about effects. Emphasis on use of Soviet gas masks, first aid, clearing mine fields of gas.

(f) Kavaleri

Instructor: Kapter (fnu) Vido

Hours: Two per week

Content: Horse, saddle; riding

(g) Sherdim Topi

Instructor: Nen/Toger Ilazli Koli

Hours: Two per week

Content: The parts of the three basic Soviet guns on the military training field of the school: 105-mm, 76-mm and 152-mm.

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[REDACTED](h) Radio

Instructor: Nen/Toger Ilazli Koli

Hours: None for persons specializing in topography. Course only for telephone and radio operators.

Content: Includes Morse and the use of a Soviet type of field transmitter and receiver.

(i) Fiskulture

Instructor: Nen/Toger Ilazli Koli

Hours: Six per week for all Kursanti

Content: Gymnastics

(j) Xbeniere

Instructor: Aspirant Misto Tanushi

Hours: Three per week

Content: Detailed descriptions of bridges, pillboxes, trenches.

(k) Sanitet

Instructor: The Sanitation Marshall [REDACTED]

Hours: Two per week

Content: First aid

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(l) Veterina

Instructor: Also the Sanitation Marshall

Hours: Two per week

Content: Elementary veterinarian principles, mostly how to clean and feed a horse.

Staff

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[REDACTED] following officers and NCO's in Tirana and on the staff of the Shkolla Artilerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare:

- (a) Beqir Balluku - Major General, Shef i Shtatmadhoris (Chief of Staff) at the Ministry of Defence. He was 35, about 180 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Native of Tirana, former painter by profession, Partisan during World War II.
- (b) Petrut Dume - Major General, Assistant Chief of Staff. He was 33, about 175 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Stammerer. Former farmer from Permet. Married. Partisan during World War II.
- (c) Sadik Bekteshi - Major General. (Colonel [REDACTED]) from Albanians who escaped into Yugoslavia after me that he had been promoted.) Political Commissar of the Ministry of Defence. He was 38, about 183 cms tall, with black hair and eyes and a small mustache. Former shepherd from the mountains of Dukagjin (Shkoder). Married. Partisan during World War II.

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- (d) Misto Kita - Toger (Lieutenant). Commanding Officer of the Artillery School. He was 30, about 170 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Former peasant from Vithkuq (Korce). Married with daughter aged 8. Former Partisan. Fanatic Communist since 1942.
- (e) Shemsi Cakciri - Toger, Political Commissar of the Artillery School. He was 28, about 168 cms tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. Former peasant from Bilisht. Married, no children. Partisan during World War II. Strong Communist.
- (f) Vasil Frifti - Toger, Commanding Officer of Baterija I at the Artillery School. He was 38, about 175 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Peasant from Vithkuq, Korce. Married, with sons aged 10 and 8. Partisan during World War II.
- (g) Leman Baca - Nen/Toger (sub-lieutenant), Political Commissar of Baterija I. He was 25, about 170 cms tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Former from Tropoje. Partisan during World War II. Single. Attended in 1949 a special course for political officers in Tirana.
- (h) Koli Mone - Kapter (Sergeant), Administrator and third in command of Baterija I. He was 25, about 165 cms tall, with black eyes and brown hair. Originally from Vlone. Had been a journalist on the paper 'Zeri Popullit' in Tirana.
- (i) Enver Dyrmishti - Toger, C.O. of Baterija II at the Artillery School. He was 40, about 170 cms tall, with brown hair and black eyes. Former farmer from Gjinokaster. Partisan during World War II. Married with four children.
- (j) Vasil Gjylameti - N/Toger, Political Commissar of Baterija II and Secretary of the Organizata Baze Partis (Basic CP Organization) for the entire Artillery School. He was 25, with brown hair and black eyes, about 167 cms tall, Former farmer and partisan from Vithkuq. Single. Attended in 1949 a special course for political officers in Tirana.
- (k) (fnu) Vido - Kapter, Administrator (Kujdestar) of Baterija II. He was 24, about 164 cms tall, with brown hair and black eyes. Former peasant from Shengjin. Single.
- (l) Hysen Hysenaj - Toger, C.O. of Baterija III of the Artillery School. He was 37, about 175 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Married. Originally from Mallakastra [not in NIS Gazetteer]. Partisan during World War II.
- (m) Islam Mazini - N/Toger, Political Commissar of Baterija III. He was 27, about 177 cms tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. Former farmer from Ishm. Single. Attended in 1949 a special course for political officers in Tirana.
- (n) Petre Kanini - Kapter, Kujdestar of Baterija III. He was 30, about 167 cms tall, with brown hair and black eyes. Farmer from Gjinokaster. Married.
- (o) Sulejman Ishmi - N/Toger, C.O. of Kompanija I of Baterija I. He was 30, about 165 cms tall, with brown hair and black eyes. Farmer from Parko (Tirana). Former Partisan. Single.
- (p) Misto Tanushi - Aspirant, C.O. of Kompanija II of Baterija I. He was 25, about 165 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Former peasant from Permet.
- (q) (fnu) Zizi - N/Toger, C.O. of Kompanija III of Baterija I. He was 31, about 170 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Married. Former peasant from Voskopje (Korce). In his personal feelings he was not a Communist.

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- (r) Bajram Sula - Marshall, (Sergeant Major), Pergjegsi Depos (in charge of the food and clothing depots of the entire Battalion). He was 40, about 170 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Married, no children. Former merchant from Shkoder/Communist, former Partisan.
- (s) [REDACTED] the name of the Marshall who was head of the Infirmary. He was 35, about 169 cms tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Former peasant from Fuke. Communist but not a Partisan during World War II. Attended a special course in Tirana in 1949.
- (t) Pullumb Bejleri - Kapter, Komandant of the 1st Toga of Kompanija I, Bateria I. He was 25, about 168 cms tall with black hair and eyes. Single. He came from Vlone and was educated through gymnasium level. Not a Communist.
- (u) Fuad Ibrahim - Kapter, Komandant of the 2nd Toga of Kompanija I, Bateria I. He was 23, about 168 cms tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Educated through gymnasium level at Shkoder. Not a Communist.
- (v) Syria Mezini - Aspirant, C.O. of Kompanija I, Bateria II. He was 23, about 170 cms tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Single. Came from Tirana and had attended gymnasium there. Attended special course for officers in Tirana in 1949.
- (w) (fnu) Frashri - Kapter, Komandant of the 1st Toga, Kompanija I, Bateria II. He was 25, about 165 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Farmer from Frasher. Single. Not at Communist.
- (x) (fnu) Kristo - Kapter, Komandant of the 2nd Toga, Kompanija II, Bateria III. He was 25, about 180 cms tall, with blond hair and blue eyes. Farmer from Sarande. Communist.
- (y) Koco Cikodhima - Kapter, Komandant of the 3rd Toga, Kompanija III, Bateria II. He was 26, 165 cms tall, blond hair and blue eyes. Came from Vlone and educated through gymnasium. Not a Communist.
- (z) Ilaz Koli - N/Toger. Instructor of Bateria I. He was 35, about 165 cms tall, with black hair and eyes. Married. Former farmer from Lushnje. Communist.

Order of Day

15. "School order of the day:

0500	- Reveille
0500 - 0515	- Washing, bedmaking
0515 - 0530	- Gymnastics in the courtyard.
0530 - 0700	- Political education. If no political education scheduled, marksmanship - aiming but no shooting.
0700 - 0730	- Breakfast
0730 - 1430	- Theoretical courses
1430 - 1500	- Dinner
1500 - 1700	- Obligatory rest on beds
1730 - 1800	- Reading newspapers in groups
1800 - 2000	- Study of morning lessons
2000 - 2030	- Supper
2030 - 2130	- Free time, but no town leave
2130	- Roll call in the courtyard
2200	- Retreat

16. "One fourth of the School had off-duty hours on Sunday with permission to go into Durres.

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Food

17. "A system of food norms pertains in the Albanian Armed Forces:

Air Force	- Norm 3
Frontier Guards	- Norm 5
Infantry	- Norm 1
Navy	- Norm 3
Artillery	- Norm 2
Body Guard	- Norm 9 (Special unit at the Ministry of Defence)
Sports Instructors	- Norm 9
Tank units	- Norm 3.

18. "The Shkolla Artilerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare has Food Norm 2. The usual meal pattern:

Mengjezi (Breakfast) - Beans or macaroni; 300 gms of black bread.

Dreka (Dinner) - Rice, beans or macaroni. Always cooked in sunflower seed oil. Never meat, not even on Sundays. 300 gms of black bread. All servings rationed.

Darka (Supper) - Tea (cai) or coffee (kafe) with sugar, 300 gms of bread. Occasionally 50 gms of cheese or marmalade.

19. "The meal pattern is Soviet, with breakfast as heavy as dinner. But the meals are not sufficient.

Clothing

20. A system of clothing norms also pertains in the Albanian Armed Forces. It is based on how many years (viet) an article of clothing may be worn. If an article of clothing is issued for 3 viet, it must be worn three years before being exchanged for a new issue.

21. "Issue at the Artillery School:

<u>Kapota</u> (overcoat)	- 3 viet
<u>Khaketa</u> (jacket)	- 2 viet
<u>Kpucet</u> (shoes)	- 1 viet
<u>Kapele</u> (cap)	- 1 viet
<u>Peze</u> (leg bands)	- 3 mths (muej)
<u>Kmish</u> (shirt)	- 6 muej
<u>Brek</u> (drawers)	- 6 muej
<u>Peshqir</u> (towel)	- 6 muej
<u>Carcat</u> (sheet)	- 6 muej
<u>Batare</u> (blanket)	- 2 viet
<u>Dysek</u> (mattress)	- 4 viet
<u>Ryp</u> (Belt)	- 2 viet
<u>Pandallona</u> (trousers)	- 2 viet
Summer jacket and trousers	- 1 viet."

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